



Vinton Notices for the Week Ending August 29, 2014

1. Summer Mansfield Recycling Program
2. PTA Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast form
3. Birthday Book Buddies 2014
4. COPE (a Mansfield Youth Services program)

PLEASE SEE
TAKE HOME NOTICES BELOW



This summer Mansfield's recycling coordinator worked with the EastCONN Youth Employment Program to help screen out plastics from the school's finished compost. The screened compost is now ready to be used this school year at all four schools. The compost was made by combining lunchtime food scraps with leaves, wood chips and wood shavings during the school year. The finished compost looks like dark soil and is packed with nutrients and beneficial microbes that help plants thrive and supports healthy soil. In previous years, the compost has been used in the schools' greenhouses, and in the case of Southeast and Middle schools, their garden projects. School composting began at Southeast Elementary School in 1997 and expanded to the Goodwin, Vinton and the Middle Schools over the next two years. Each year the four schools compost a total of about 26,000 pounds of food scraps, which produces roughly 10 cubic yards of finished, nutrient-rich compost. In total the schools have composted 221 tons or 442,000 pounds of food scraps.

The picture was taken by the screened compost at Vinton Elementary School. The youth employment interns who did the screening are (from left to right): Kinen, Jacob, Grace, Waldemar, Mathew, Gordan, Jesse, Randi, Cole, Alan and Stephen, along with Mansfield Recycling Coordinator, Virginia Walton, and EastCONN internship leader, Ian.





*"Enjoy a short stack
for a tall cause."*

You're invited to an Applebee's®
Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to
support:

Annie E. Vinton PTA

Tickets are \$5.00 per person

(Seating is limited...order yours NOW!)

**Includes 3 pancakes, 2 pieces of bacon
and unlimited orange juice and coffee**

When: Saturday, September 13 from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Where: Applebee's Neighborhood Grill at 93 Storrs Rd (Route 195)
Eastbrook Mall

Store: 860-423-6069 or PTA/Kelly Robidas: 860-918-8626



September 10, 2014

Return section below with payment before ~~September 22, 2014~~

☐ Yes, I will attend the **Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser.**

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| Number of tickets: | Amount enclosed: <small>Cash/Check to Vinton PTA (cash or money orders only)</small> |
| Name: | |
| Student's Name: | Class: |

Mansfield School Libraries
Birthday Book Buddies

2014



Birthdays are always special to a child. What better way to celebrate the special occasion than donate a book to your library in honor of the birthday child and arrange for a small gift for your students in your child's classroom? Instead of the entire focus of a child's birthday being on sugar-filled cupcakes, the "Birthday Book Buddies" program gives you the chance to make a lasting gift to your school library in a child's name. Children with summer birthdays may choose to celebrate on their half-birthday.



For a donation of \$15, participants may choose a hardcover book from a selection of newly ordered books. We will place a bookplate commemorating the child's birthday and acknowledging the donor inside the book. In addition, the birthday boy/girl will have their picture taken with their book and displayed in the school. They will also be given the opportunity to be the first to borrow the book.



In honor of this special day, your child's classroom will be treated to a small gift basket from an assortment of items. Gifts might include cool bookmarks, unique erasers, special pens, unusual pencils, fun notepads, or other small items and will vary throughout the year.

Are you a *Birthday Book Buddy*? Support your school library, encourage healthy eating habits, and celebrate a special day all in one program. Last year we had great participation in this program—let's see if we can have even more *Birthday Book Buddies* than we had during the last school year

paradaeg@mansfieldct.org

Contact your school library staff to make arrangements to participate in this program (please make checks payable to the Mansfield Public Schools) or email Mrs. Emily Tinnel (Shared Librarian) TinnelEW@MansfieldCT.org



COPE



A Mansfield Youth Services program

For children learning to COPE with family stress

Parents/Guardians:

Is your child experiencing stress or changes at home? Could he/she benefit from a positive experience in the school-setting with other children who may have had similar experiences? If so, COPE may be able to help!

What is COPE?

Cope is an in-school, skill-building program run by Mansfield Youth Services that has successfully supported students in our community for over 20 years!

- COPE fosters a supportive environment where your child will have fun and at the same time learn new coping skills.
- COPE offers your child a chance to make new friends.
- COPE will help your child understand there are many types of families.
- COPE is about helping your child build self esteem and positive communication skills.
- COPE utilizes UCONN mentors as roles models and positive supports for your child.

COPE meets once a week during regularly scheduled lunch times through out the school year so your child will not miss class time or recess.

If you are interested in having your child participate, please fill out the permission slip on the reverse side and return it to your school nurse by Monday, September 8th.

Space is limited and participation is based on the child's appropriateness for the program.

If you would like more information please contact Mansfield Youth Services' social worker Kate Bohannon at 860-429-3318 or BohannonKM@mansfieldct.org

COPE Permission Slip

2014-2015 School Year

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____
 School: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: _____ Ethnicity: _____
 Parent child resides with: _____ Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____ Preferred Method of Contact: _____

Additional Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____ Preferred Method of Contact: _____
 Address (if different than above): _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____

Family Members

| Name | Age | Relationship | Lives in home? | School/Employer |
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What change/stressor is your family experiencing and when did it occur? _____

How has your child been responding to this change? _____

What are your child's strengths? _____

Do you have any concerns or additional information that may help us best support your child? _____

- ☐ Please check box if you do NOT give permission for Mansfield Youth Services to photograph or videotape your child. Photos/videos of Cope participants may be chosen to help others learn more about YSB programs. If you would like more information before granting permission please contact Youth Services.
- ☐ Please check box if your child does NOT have permission to fill out anonymous surveys.

I, the undersigned, give permission for my child to participate in Cope. I also give permission for YSB staff to communicate and collaborate with the Mansfield Public School System in order to provide the best services to my child. If there is any information that I wish to remain confidential from the school system, I understand that I may inform YSB staff.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____